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A lazy man is too contemptible to live, and has no rights his fellow men are bound to respect. Young man, you may as well understand, first at last, that you have got to work for all you get in this world. You may not always get what you earn, but if you would keep out of the poorhouse, and have a competency in your old age, you will have to work for it. To be sure there is a great difference in men. Some are endowed with greater intellectual powers than others, while some are greater physically. Some men are born low down in the scale of intelligence, but mark you well the physique of such a man. There is a way provided, however, for every man to better himself. You won't find it in the gymnasium, neither is it to be found at the gaming table. Remember one thing, and that is, you have not the capacity to take into yourself all the strong drink made in the world, and you had better let the contract out before you attempt to work on it. Don't bet all you have on a bob-tail flush, or before you know it the other man will either raise you out of the game or come in on a straight flush. Nine hundred and ninety young men out of a thousand, who started with an idea of becoming suddenly rich by getting on a sure thing, got left, and are worse off then when they came into the game. The boy whose is more liable to get beat if you hold a pool check on him than he was before you put up your money. Such certainties are uncertainties, and never give up a certainty for an uncertainty. Don't fool with the tiger; you can't always tell which way the beast will jump.

When a young man sits down in idleness, with the idea that the world owes him a living, it is high time his body was committed to the dust from whence it came. As to his soul, nothing will ever be known of it.

A record of the young men who have been unfortunate enough to have a fortune left them shows that 8 to 10 never amount to a single atom in the world; and 7 out of the 8 die bankrupt, financially, morally, and otherwise.

When a father brings up his son in idleness, never teaching him the first principle of economy or the value of a dollar, he commits a terrible blunder. The father guilty of such a crime generally has to saw wood for a living in his old age. Nine out of ten of the boys with fathers who bring them up in idle luxury, or they reach the median of life are total wrecks. Wrecked on the rocks of total depravity, with the stream of life and on whose sharp and rugged edges thousands of lives have been wrecked and ruined. Money bags may, like bladders, keep you above the waters of distress for a time, but puncture them, let their contents escape, and you sink.

Young man, you have undoubtedly meant to do well. No young man ever goes astray intentionally, but in some idle, thoughtless moment he graduates from a da water and lemonade to something stronger, and before he is fairly aware of it he has not only lost caste, but has a whole menagerie on his hands and is employing a doctor to keep it down.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Before our next issue the above greeting will be in order, therefore we take time by the forelock and wish a Merry Christmas to the readers of the AVALANCHE. It hardly seems possible that the time has come, we have had so little taste of winter. Usually we have had ere this a full month of sleighing, this year almost none at all, but let the weather be what it may, old "Father Time" moves steadily onward, and the day is here which all Christendom celebrates with gladness as the anniversary of the time when man's redemption was made certain, if he choose to accept the free gift. The history of the birth, life and death of Christ passeth all human understanding, and he who accepts its truth must do so through faith alone, for if he attempts to account for almost any part by reason, he is lost at once and finds himself floundering in the sea of unbelief.

We did not intend to sermonize, nor will we, but will only say, we are glad of Christmas, for its traditions have a tendency to elevate the minds and thoughts of all; they warm the heart toward our fellows and quicken the pulses of our memory. All associations of the word are filled with pleasure, and the gatherings of families and friends at this time are the most pleasant of life.

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21-30	20	20	20	20
31-40	25	25	25	25
41-50	30	30	30	30
51-60	35	35	35	35
61-70	40	40	40	40
71-80	45	45	45	45
81-90	50	50	50	50

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Picture card at the News Depot.

Catch on to that dress at Edgumbe's.

Mrs. Chas. Saunders has gone to Ontario for the winter.

Mrs. J. W. Mayhew will eat her turkey with her mother in Mason.

Mrs. E. Parham has been visiting in Saginaw for the past week.

"Box paper" almost given away at Edgumbe's.

Robinson has gone to the city after his stock of Christmas turkeys, etc.

Two more new houses contemplated on the south side will be started next week.

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Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Robinson, on Monday, Dec. 10th, 1883, a daughter.

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While making glad the hearts of friends during these festive days, do not forget to pay the printer.

Edgumbe takes the cake for selling hanging lamps.

Prof. Hyde will go to Bay City for the holidays, taking in the State teachers' association at Lansing next week.

Heavy snow-fall reported from most parts of Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

Miss Julia Erb will take advantage of the vacation in school for a holiday visit to her home in Oakland county.

Don't fail to secure one of these prizes at Edgumbe's.

We commend the little poem at the beginning of third page to the several parents of the village. It fully expresses the situation.

Be sure and read the prospectus of the Toledo Blade. The AVALANCHE will search for the truth of their state.

For your Christmas candies and nuts go to Edgumbe's.

A little more snow would make the lumbermen happy. There is just enough to have an aggravation.

A. H. Marsh has moved into Mrs. Freeman's new house which is newly plastered. He talks as though he had a frog in his throat.

Edgumbe can still compare with any cut prices in the city.

All kinds of pictures, with and without frames, very cheap, at the News Depot. Call and see them—it will not cost you only your time.

Our Roseomon friends are decidedly sanguine of the success of their oil well. The drill is now down over a hundred feet, and the indications are said to improve with the depth.

Our readers in the vicinity of Frederville will remember the oyster supper and social at the residence of F. L. Barker on Christmas night—for the benefit of Rev. Wm. Putnam.

For good, serviceable, substantial Christmas presents go to Edgumbe's.

The village of Cadillac, in Wexford county, Mich., has just organized a business-men's association for the building up of the place. The president of the association is Judge Fallas.

We have received the last issue of the Ladies Floral Cabinet, which magazine is all and more than its name implies, and every number is worth a pile of subscription price to every lover of flowers. It is only \$1.25 a year, and every subscriber gets a premium of two choice ever-blooming roses, or ten packets of flower seeds, post free. Address, Ladies Floral Cabinet, 22 Vesey st., New York City.

A choice lot of ladies and gents silk handkerchiefs at Edgumbe's.

Last Sunday the question was asked of the Sunday school, "What would be your duty if some one should strike you?" "Hit him back!" promptly replied a bright little fellow on the front seat. Quite natural if not exactly scriptural.

Notwithstanding bull-tin boards, cut prices, wind, etc., the public still seems to appreciate the good bargains to be had at Edgumbe's. DON'T MISS IT.

LIQUOR TAX REPORT.

Statement of liquor tax collected during

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GO TO SELLING HANSON & CO'S

THE OLD MICHAEL STANE,

FOR GENERAL MERCHANDISE

While we do not pretend to sell goods

below cost of production, we do claim

to have plenty of capital to buy where

hard money will buy the most goods,

and sell for cash only in order to turn

the money over quick and thereby en-

able us to sell on a small profit, and

also be able to compete with any regu-

lar dealer that pays for his goods, and

be able to secure a fair percentage of

the trade from the public. We think

that our dealings in the past have

demonstrated that we always mean

business, and by fair and honorable

dealing grow up and prosper with the

people of Crawford county, and to do

our part toward helping to develop the

great resources of this part of the

great State of Michigan, which is com-

paratively in its infancy yet. By deal-

ing with us you will always find that

you get

SIXTEEN CENTS TO EVERY DOLLAR

and at prices that will

DEFY COMPETITION.

We don't ask a certain price for our

goods, and then throw off 25, 50 or 75

cents as the case may be, and if the

customer still thinks it is too much,

ask the customer how much he will

give, which is the custom of certain

stores in nearly all communities. We

have marked our goods at a low profit

in the first place, and sell at

ONE PRICE ONLY.

and thereby we are able to save the

time which would otherwise be lost in

haggling. You, as an intelligent pub-

lic, are aware that goods are not bar-

tered by merchants for the mere sake of

pleasure of doing business—that don't

pay clerks, taxes, insurance, etc., etc.

When anybody tells you so in order to

sell you goods, you can rest assured

that he does not tell the truth.

We announced last week that we would

sell certain goods at 75c on the dollar,

and such is a fact, which our prices

will demonstrate, and by calling at

our old stand we shall be pleased to

convince you that such is a fact, and

our reason for doing so is to close out

certain lines of goods, as we are crowd-

ed for room to handle our large stock,

and to make room for receiving our

Spring stock, which we propose to buy

early in the season in order to be on

hand for spring trade, and by buying

early, we can get our goods and buy at

ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

The goods we offer at 75 cents of

the dollar are

BOOTS AND SHOES, OVERCOATS, GRAYS

COATS, LADIES' DOLMANS, HEM-

KANTS OF PRINTS, ETC.

We carry a fine line of Groceries, and

defy any competitor to undersell us.

handling a straight line of goods, and

in Dry Goods and Furnishing Goods

we carry as complete a stock as there

is this side of Bay City, and sell at

prices equally as cheap as Bay City

merchants, so don't carry the idea that

you cannot find what you want in

Grayling. The time has arrived when

Grayling don't need to be ashamed of

its merchants, and you need not be

skeptical about believing it, either. In

the past ten years Grayling has

wended its way along from a wilderness

to a town of about 1,500 inhabitants,

which ought to convince the most

skeptical that the people of this burp

have been able to compete with the

A. H. SWARTHOUT,

Real Estate & Ins'nce

AGENCY

Two houses and nine lots on Cedar street; two houses and three lots on

Peninsular avenue; two houses and five lots, and two store lots on Michigan

avenue, for sale.

Over 3,000 acres of pine lands and 400 acres of farming lands, improved,

for sale.

INSURANCE. We represent more Companies than any Agency in

Northern Michigan and insure at lower rates.

1st Agent for Riffe's addition to Grayling.

2nd Money to loan on good security.

A. H. Swarthout.

Popular Store!

Popular Prices!

Although we come before the Public under a

NEW NAME,

The Subscriber is determined to keep up their old name for giving the

People the BEST GOODS for the LEAST MONEY.

I do not intend to sell Goods

BELOW COST

But I do intend to sell goods as cheap as good goods can be sold.

I set my own Prices!

I Copy from No One!

The AVALANCHE is not Large Enough for me to name everything I

have to sell, but it will answer all purposes when I say

I TRY TO SELL EVERYTHING.

If you will see our prices for

Boots and Shoes, Dry Goods, Gloves and Mit-

tens, Groceries, Etc.,

You will say that I need not FEAR COMPETITION. And Ladies will say